

Appln No. 10/790,375

Amdt date November 8, 2004

Reply to Office action of September 24, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Office action mailed September 24, 2004.

On page 2 of the Office action, the Examiner states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, drawn to footwear, classified in class 36, subclass 11.5.
- II. Claims 10-29, drawn to a method of producing a footwear, classified in class 12, subclass 142R.

Applicant notes that claims 1-9 were previously cancelled in a preliminary amendment filed on February 29, 2004. Accordingly, the restriction requirement is moot. Claims 10-29 remain in the application and the status identifiers have been corrected. Claims 30-33 are added to more completely cover certain aspects of the invention. Claims 30-31 find support at page 7, lines 31-34 of the specification and claims 32-33 find support at page 5, lines 25-35 of the specification.

On page 3 of the Office action, the Examiner states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- Species I: figures 1-6
- Species II: figure 7
- Species III: figures 8, 9
- Species IV: figures 10, 11, 12

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Applicant elects species 1: figures 1-6 for further prosecution on the merits. Claims 10-12 and 14-33 read on species I.

Respectfully submitted,

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14 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
15 SOUTHERN DIVISION
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17 R & S TRADING COMPANY,
18 INC.,

19 Plaintiff,

20 vs.

21 WAL-MART STORES, INC. and
22 BCNY INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
23 Defendants.

24 Defendants Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. ("Wal-Mart") and BCNY International,
25 Inc. ("BCNY") (collectively, "Defendants"), have moved for a stay of the instant
26 action pending resolution of a Reexamination of the patent-in-suit, United States
27 Patent No. 6,766,598 (the "'598 Patent-in-Suit") and Plaintiff R & S Trading
28 Company, Inc. (R & S) does not oppose the Motion

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Case No. SA CV 04-0894 GLT (RCx)

~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER STAYING
ACTION PENDING
REEXAMINATION OF THE
PATENT-IN-SUIT

Judge: The Honorable Gary L. Taylor

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1 Based on the Motion, and the Court having consider^d the issues addressed
2 therein, it is hereby ordered that the Motion is **GRANTED**.

3 This action is **STAYED** pending a final determination on the Reexamination
4 filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO"), Reexam Control Number
5 09/007,172. The parties shall advise the court of the progress of the Reexamination
6 at least every ⁶~~12~~ months. Hearing set 10/25/04 is off calendar
as GRANTED.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 October 18, 2004

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10 Honorable Gary L. Taylor
United States District Judge

11 Submitted by:

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13 SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY L.L.P.

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15 September 29, 2004

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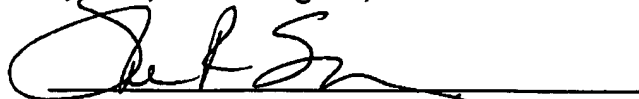
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Case No. SACV-04-894 GLT (RCx)

**R & S TRADING COMPANY,
INC.'S ANSWER TO THE
COUNTERCLAIM OF WAL-
MART STORES, INC.**

WAL-MART STORES, INC.,

Counterclaimant,

vs.

R & S TRADING COMPANY, INC.,

Counterdefendant.

Counterdefendant R & S Trading Company, Inc. ("R & S") responds to the
allegations contained in the Counterclaim of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. as follows.

1. Paragraph 1 of the Counterclaim does not contain factual allegations
which require response.

2. R & S admits the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the

1 Counterclaim.

2 3. R & S admits the allegations contained in paragraph 3 of the
3 Counterclaim.

4 4. R & S admits the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of the
5 Counterclaim.

6 5. R & S incorporates herein its responses to paragraphs 1 through 4
7 above.

8 6. R & S denies the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the
9 Counterclaim.

10 7. Paragraph 7 of the Counterclaim does not contain factual allegations
11 which require response. To the extent that the paragraph is deemed to contain
12 factual allegations which require response, R & S denies such allegations.

13 8. R & S admits the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the
14 Counterclaim.

15 9. R & S incorporates herein its responses to paragraphs 1 through 8
16 above.

17 10. R & S denies the allegations contained in paragraph 10 of the
18 Counterclaim.

19 11. Paragraph 11 of the Counterclaim does not contain factual
20 allegations which require response. To the extent that the paragraph is deemed to
21 contain factual allegations which require response, R & S denies such allegations.

22 12. R & S admits the allegations contained in paragraph 12 of the
23 Counterclaim.

24 WHEREFORE, R & S prays that Wal-Mart's Counterclaim be dismissed in
25 its entirety and that R & S be awarded its costs, including attorney's fees, incurred
26 in defense of the Counterclaim.


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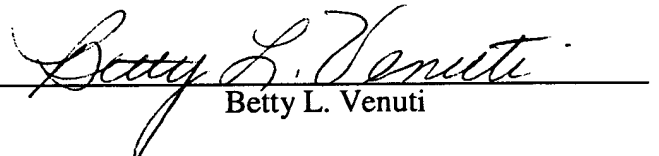
4 I certify that on September 9, 2004, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, a true
5 and correct copy of the foregoing document described as **R & S TRADING COMPANY,**
6 **INC.'S ANSWER TO THE COUNTERCLAIM OF WAL-MART STORES, INC.** was
7 served on the parties in this action by U.S. Mail, first class, postage prepaid, addressed as
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BCNY INTERNATIONAL, INC.,**

Defendants.

Case No. SA CV 04-0894 GLT (RCx)

**WAL-MART STORES, INC.'S
ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE
DEFENSES TO COMPLAINT;**

**COUNTERCLAIM FOR
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT OF
INVALIDITY AND NON-
INFRINGEMENT**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

And Related Counterclaims.

1 Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. ("Wal-Mart"), for itself and no other party, hereby
2 answers the Complaint filed by Plaintiff R & S Trading Company, Inc. ("R & S")
3 as follows:

4 JURISDICTION

5 1. In response to paragraph 1 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart admits that the
6 Complaint purports to allege a claim for patent infringement and that jurisdiction
7 over this federal claims is conferred on this Court by 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a). Except
8 as expressly so admitted, Wal-Mart denies the allegations of paragraph 1.

9 2. In response to paragraph 2 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart denies that
10 venue as to Wal-Mart is proper in this judicial district. Wal-Mart is without
11 knowledge and information sufficient to respond to the remaining allegations of
12 paragraph 2 and on that basis denies those allegations.

13 PARTIES

14 3. In response to paragraph 3 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart is without
15 knowledge and information sufficient to respond to the allegations of paragraph 3
16 therein and on that basis denies those allegations.

17 4. In response to paragraph 4 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart admits the
18 allegations of paragraph 4.

19 5. In response to paragraph 5 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart is without
20 knowledge and information sufficient to respond to the allegations of paragraph 5
21 therein and on that basis denies those allegations.

22 FACTUAL BACKGROUND

23 6. In response to paragraph 6 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart is without
24 knowledge and information sufficient to respond to the allegations of paragraph 6
25 and on that basis denies those allegations.

26 7. In response to paragraph 7 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart is without
27 knowledge and information sufficient to respond to the allegations of paragraph 7
28 and on that basis denies those allegations.

1 8. In response to paragraph 8 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart admits that
2 attached as Exhibit A to the Complaint is a copy of United States Patent No.
3 6,766,598 (the "'598 Patent"), entitled "Water-Resistant and Floatable Footwear
4 and Method of Manufacture Thereof," that the first page of the '598 Patent
5 indicates that it issued on July 27, 2004 from Application No. 10/264,015, that the
6 first page of the '598 Patent indicates that Application No. 10/264,015 was filed on
7 October 3, 2002, and that the first page of the '598 Patent indicates that the
8 inventors of the subject matter of the '598 Patent are Mary K. Boncutter and Wilson
9 Chan Nan Chen, and that the first page of the '598 Patent indicates that the '598
10 Patent was assigned to R & S Trading Company, Inc. Except as so admitted,
11 Wal-Mart denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 8.

12 9. In response to paragraph 9 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart admits that
13 representatives of R & S provided Wal-Mart with notice of the pending application
14 that matured into the '598 Patent and asserted that a particular sandal offered for
15 sale by Wal-Mart, which Wal-Mart understands to be the only sandal now accused
16 of infringement, would infringe the patent to be issued from such pending
17 application. Except as so admitted, Wal-Mart denies the allegations of paragraph 9.

18 10. In response to paragraph 10 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart denies the
19 allegations of paragraph 10.

20 11. In response to paragraph 11 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart denies the
21 allegations of paragraph 11.

22 12. In response to paragraph 12 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart denies the
23 allegations of paragraph 12.

24 13. In response to paragraph 13 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart denies the
25 allegations of paragraph 13.

26 14. In response to paragraph 14 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart denies the
27 allegations of paragraph 14.
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1 15. In response to paragraph 15 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart denies the
2 allegations of paragraph 15.

3 16. In response to paragraph 16 of the Complaint, Wal-Mart denies the
4 allegations of paragraph 16.

5 **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

6 For its Affirmative Defenses to R & S's Complaint, Wal-Mart alleges as
7 follows:

8 **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

9 17. R & S's Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be
10 granted.

11 **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

12 18. Wal-Mart does not infringe and has not infringed any claim of the '598
13 Patent.

14 **THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

15 19. By reason of the actions of the purported inventor(s) in obtaining '598
16 Patent from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Plaintiff is estopped
17 from asserting that the claims of the '598 Patent have a scope sufficient to cover the
18 accused products.

19 **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

20 20. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff is equitably estopped from
21 asserting any claim of infringement of the '598 Patent.

22 **FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

23 21. Wal-Mart is informed and believe and thereon alleges that the claims
24 of the '598 Patent are each invalid, void, and/or unenforceable in their entireties
25 under Title 35 of the United States Code for one or more of the following reasons:

26 (a) the purported inventor(s) abandoned the alleged invention;
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1 (b) the purported inventor(s) did not invent the subject matter of the
2 '598 Patent and were not the true or sole inventor(s) of the subject matter in the
3 '598 Patent;

4 (c) the subject matter claimed in the '598 Patent is not novel;

5 (d) the subject matter claimed in the '598 Patent was known or used
6 by others in this country before the dates of the alleged invention of the claimed
7 subject matter of the '598 Patent;

8 (e) the products described and claimed in the '598 Patent were each
9 described in a printed publication and/or sold or offered for sale more than one year
10 before the filing date of the application for the '598 Patent;

11 (f) the alleged invention claimed in the '598 Patent was patented or
12 described in United States Patents granted on applications for patents filed by
13 others in the United States before the alleged invention thereof by the purported
14 inventor(s);

15 (g) the alleged invention claimed in the '598 Patent was patented,
16 was described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, or was in public
17 use or on sale in this country, more than one year before the filing date of the
18 application for the '598 Patent;

19 (h) the subject matter claimed in the '598 Patent would have been
20 obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the alleged invention;

21 (i) the specification and drawings in the '598 Patent do not
22 adequately describe the subject matter claimed in the '598 Patent, and the claims of
23 the '598 Patent are inoperable;

24 (j) the purported inventor(s) failed to disclose material information
25 available to them to the United States Patent and Trademark Office which would
26 have affected the examination of the '598 Patent, and more particularly, the
27 existence of prior art known to the purported inventor(s), their attorneys, and/or
28 their agents, which prior art would have been material to the patentability of

1 pending claims if properly disclosed to the Examiner in the United States Patent
2 and Trademark Office, yet the full scope of the teachings of the known and
3 undisclosed prior art was not disclosed to the United States Patent and Trademark
4 Office in violation of the duty of disclosure of the inventor(s) pursuant to 37 CFR
5 1.56, and with the intent to obtain allowance of the claims of the applications
6 knowing that they were invalid.

7 (k) the '598 Patent does not particularly point out and distinctly
8 claim the invention which the purported inventor(s) claim as the invention of the
9 '598 Patent;

10 (l) the '598 Patent specifically does not disclose the best mode
11 known to the purported inventor(s) for the alleged invention;

12 (m) the '598 Patent is invalid for double patenting; and/or

13 (n) the claims in the '598 Patent are excessively vague, indefinite
14 and/or they are inoperable and do not distinctly point out and define the alleged
15 invention.

16 COUNTERCLAIMS

17 Defendant/Counterclaimant Wal-Mart for its Counterclaims against
18 Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant R&S Trading Company, Inc., complains and
19 alleges as follows:

20 1. These Counterclaims arise under the patent laws of the United States,
21 35 U.S.C. §271, et seq., and the declaratory judgment provisions of 28 U.S.C.
22 §§2201 and 2202. This Court's jurisdiction of the subject matter of these
23 Counterclaims is based on 28 U.S.C. §1338. Venue in this district is based upon 28
24 U.S.C. §1391.

25 2. Wal-Mart is a Delaware corporation.

26 3. On information and belief based on its Complaint, R & S is a
27 California company having a principal place of business in this judicial district.
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4. A justiciable controversy exists between R & S on the one hand and Wal-Mart on the other hand in that, by its Complaint, R & S has alleged that it is the assignee of the '598 Patent, that the '598 Patent is valid, and that Wal-Mart has infringed such patent. Wal-Mart, by its Answer and these Counterclaims, denies those allegations.

FIRST COUNTERCLAIM

(Declaratory Judgment—Invalidity)

5. Wal-Mart incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs by reference herein.

6. On information and belief, the '598 Patent and all claims thereof are unenforceable and/or invalid under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 and/or 112.

7. By this Counterclaim, Wal-Mart seeks a declaratory judgment that the '598 Patent and all claims thereof are unenforceable and/or invalid under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 and/or 112.

8. A judicial declaration is necessary and appropriate at this time in order that Wal-Mart may ascertain their rights and duties with respect to the conduct which R & S has alleged infringes the '598 Patent.

SECOND COUNTERCLAIM

(Declaratory Judgment—Non-infringement)

9. Wal-Mart incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs by reference herein.

10. On information and belief, no claim of the '598 Patent can be validly construed to be infringed by any product that is or has been used or sold by Defendant/Counterclaimant.

11. By this Counterclaim, Wal-Mart seeks a declaratory judgment that no claim of the '598 Patent can be validly construed to be infringed by any product that is or has been manufactured, used, or sold by Defendant/Counterclaimant.

12. A judicial declaration is necessary and appropriate at this time in order that Wal-Mart may ascertain its rights and duties with respect to the conduct which R & S has alleged infringes the '598 Patent.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Wal-Mart prays for judgment against Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant as follows:

A. That a final judgment be entered in favor of Wal-Mart on Plaintiff's claims holding that the claims of the '598 Patent are invalid and/or unenforceable, and that Wal-Mart does not infringe the '598 Patent;

B. That Plaintiff be ordered to pay to Wal-Mart its costs, expenses, disbursements, and reasonable attorneys' fees under 35 U.S.C. §285, and the equitable powers of the Court;

C. That Plaintiff take nothing on its Complaint;

D. That a final judgment be entered under the counterclaims declaring that the '598 Patent and all claims thereof are unenforceable and/or invalid under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 and/or 112;

E. That a final judgment be entered under the counterclaims declaring that no claim of the '598 Patent can be validly construed to be infringed by any product manufactured, used, or sold by Defendant/Counterclaimant; and

F. That Wal-Mart has such other and further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

Dated: September 1, 2004

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. hereby demands a jury trial on all claims for relief.

Dated: September 1, 2004

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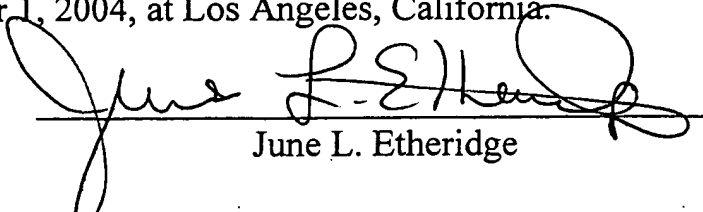
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17 4. In response to paragraph 4 of the Complaint, BCNY is without
18 knowledge and information sufficient to respond to the allegations of paragraph 4
19 and on that basis denies those allegations.

20 5. In response to paragraph 5 of the Complaint, BCNY admits that
21 BCNY is a corporation with a place of business at 350 Fifth Avenue, #729, New
22 York, NY.

23 FACTUAL BACKGROUND

24 6. In response to paragraph 6 of the Complaint, BCNY is without
25 knowledge and information sufficient to respond to the allegations of paragraph 6
26 and on that basis denies those allegations.

1 7. In response to paragraph 7 of the Complaint, BCNY is without
2 knowledge and information sufficient to respond to the allegations of paragraph 7
3 and on that basis denies those allegations.

4 8. In response to paragraph 8 of the Complaint, BCNY admits that
5 attached as Exhibit A to the Complaint is a copy of United States Patent No.
6 6,766,598 (the "'598 Patent"), entitled "Water-Resistant and Floatable Footwear
7 and Method of Manufacture Thereof," that the first page of the '598 Patent
8 indicates that it issued on July 27, 2004 from Application No. 10/264,015, that the
9 first page of the '598 Patent indicates that Application No. 10/264,015 was filed on
10 October 3, 2002, and that the first page of the '598 Patent indicates that the
11 inventors of the subject matter of the '598 Patent are Mary K. Boncutter and Wilson
12 Chan Nan Chen, and that the first page of the '598 Patent indicates that the '598
13 Patent was assigned to R & S Trading Company, Inc. Except as so admitted,
14 BCNY denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 8.

15 9. In response to paragraph 9 of the Complaint, BCNY admits that
16 representatives of R&S provided BCNY with notice of the pending application that
17 matured into the '598 Patent and asserted that a particular sandal offered for sale by
18 defendant Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. ("Wal-Mart"), which BCNY understands to be the
19 only sandal now accused of infringement, would infringe the patent to be issued
20 from such pending application. Except as so admitted, BCNY denies the
21 allegations of paragraph 9.

22 10. In response to paragraph 10, BCNY denies the allegations of
23 paragraph 10.

24 11. In response to paragraph 11 of the Complaint, BCNY denies the
25 allegations of paragraph 11.

26 12. In response to paragraph 12 of the Complaint, BCNY denies the
27 allegations of paragraph 12
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1 13. In response to paragraph 13 of the Complaint, BCNY denies the
2 allegations of paragraph 13

3 14. In response to paragraph 14 of the Complaint, BCNY denies the
4 allegations of paragraph 14.

5 15. In response to paragraph 15 of the Complaint, BCNY denies the
6 allegations of paragraph 15.

7 16. In response to paragraph 16 of the Complaint, BCNY denies the
8 allegations of paragraph 16.

9 **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

10 For its Affirmative Defenses to R & S's Complaint, BCNY alleges as
11 follows:

12 **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

13 17. R&S's Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be
14 granted.

15 **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

16 18. BCNY does not infringe and has not infringed any claim of the '598
17 Patent. Since the issuance of the '598 Patent, BCNY has not made, sold, used,
18 offered for sale, imported, or disposed of any accused product and the patent rights
19 can not reach to pre-issuance activities.

20 **THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

21 19. By reason of the actions of the purported inventor(s) in obtaining '598
22 Patent from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Plaintiff is estopped
23 from asserting that the claims of the '598 Patent have a scope sufficient to cover the
24 accused products.

25 **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

26 20. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff is equitably estopped from
27 asserting any claim of infringement of the '598 Patent.
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1 FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

2 21. BCNY is informed and believe and thereon alleges that the claims of
3 the '598 Patent are each invalid, void, and/or unenforceable in their entirety under
4 Title 35 of the United States Code for one or more of the following reasons:

5 (a) the purported inventor(s) abandoned the alleged invention;

6 (b) the purported inventor(s) did not invent the subject matter of the
7 '598 Patent and were not the true or sole inventor(s) of the subject matter in the
8 '598 Patent;

9 (c) the subject matter claimed in the '598 Patent is not novel;

10 (d) the subject matter claimed in the '598 Patent was known or used
11 by others in this country before the dates of the alleged invention of the claimed
12 subject matter of the '598 Patent;

13 (e) the products described and claimed in the '598 Patent were each
14 described in a printed publication and/or sold or offered for sale more than one year
15 before the filing date of the application for the '598 Patent;

16 (f) the alleged invention claimed in the '598 Patent was patented or
17 described in United States Patents granted on applications for patents filed by
18 others in the United States before the alleged invention thereof by the purported
19 inventor(s);

20 (g) the alleged invention claimed in the '598 Patent was patented,
21 was described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, or was in public
22 use or on sale in this country, more than one year before the filing date of the
23 application for the '598 Patent;

24 (h) the subject matter claimed in the '598 Patent would have been
25 obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the alleged invention;

26 (i) the specification and drawings in the '598 Patent do not
27 adequately describe the subject matter claimed in the '598 Patent, and the claims of
28 the '598 Patent are inoperable;

(j) the purported inventor(s) failed to disclose material information available to them to the United States Patent and Trademark Office which would have affected the examination of the '598 Patent, and more particularly, the existence of prior art known to the purported inventor(s), their attorneys, and/or their agents, which prior art would have been material to the patentability of pending claims if properly disclosed to the Examiner in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, yet the full scope of the teachings of the known and undisclosed prior art was not disclosed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in violation of the duty of disclosure of the inventor(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, and with the intent to obtain allowance of the claims of the applications knowing that they were invalid.

(k) the '598 Patent does not particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention which the purported inventor(s) claim as the invention of the '598 Patent;

(l) the '598 Patent specifically does not disclose the best mode known to the purported inventor(s) for the alleged invention;

(m) the '598 Patent is invalid for double patenting; and/or

(n) the claims in the '598 Patent are excessively vague, indefinite and/or they are inoperable and do not distinctly point out and define the alleged invention.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

22. This Court lacks jurisdiction over the person of BCNY.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

23. Venue in this judicial district is improper.

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, BCNY prays for judgment against Plaintiff as follows:

A. A final judgment in favor of BCNY on Plaintiff's claims holding that the claims of the '598 Patent are invalid and/or unenforceable, and that BCNY does not infringe the '598 Patent;

B. That Plaintiff be ordered to pay to BCNY its costs, expenses, disbursements, and reasonable attorneys' fees under 35 U.S.C. §285, and the equitable powers of the Court;

C. That Plaintiff take nothing on its Complaint; and

D. That BCNY have such other and further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

Dated: August 31, 2004

SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY L.L.P.

By: 

David B. Abel
Attorneys for Defendant
BCNY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

BCNY International, Inc. hereby demands a jury trial on all claims for relief.

Dated: August 31, 2004

SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY L.L.P.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, June L. Etheridge, declare:

I am a resident of the State of California and over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action; my business address is 801 South Figueroa Street, 14th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017-5554. On August 31, 2004, I served the within documents:

**DEFENDANT BCNY INTERNATIONAL, INC.'S ANSWER AND
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO COMPLAINT; DEMAND FOR JURY
TRIAL**

- ☐ by transmitting via facsimile the document(s) listed above to the fax number(s) set forth below on this date before 5:00 p.m.
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- ☒ by causing personal delivery by First Legal Services of the document(s) listed above to the person(s) at the address(es) set forth below.

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I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

Executed on August 31, 2004, at Los Angeles, California.


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

R & S TRADING COMPANY, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WAL-MART STORES, INC. and
BCNY INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Defendants.

SACV04-894

Case No.

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(RCX)

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT
INFRINGEMENT

I. JURISDICTION.

1. This is an action for patent infringement in violation of the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1, et seq. this Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1338(a).

2. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c) and 1400 (b) in that Defendants reside in this judicial district.

II. PARTIES.

3. Plaintiff R & S Trading Company, Inc. ("R & S") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California having a principal place of business at 17352 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine, California 90623.

4. On information and belief, Defendant Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. ("Wal-Mart") is a corporation having a place of business at 702 S.W. 8th Street,

1 Bentonville, Arkansas.

2 5. On information and belief, Defendant BCNY International, Inc.
3 ("BCNY") is a corporation having a place of business at 350 Fifth Avenue, #729,
4 New York, New York.

5 **III. FACTUAL BACKGROUND.**

6 6. R & S has been engaged and is presently engaged in the design and
7 distribution of footwear.

8 7. In or about May 2001 R & S introduced a sandal having a novel
9 construction, which sandal was designated as the "Sugar Floatie Sandal."

10 8. On October 3, 2002, R & S filed an application, Serial No.
11 10/264,015, with the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") to
12 obtain a patent on its original and unique sandal. The application was filed in the
13 name of Mary K. Boncutter and Wilson Chao Nan Chen and was assigned to
14 R & S. A patent for the sandal entitled "Water-Resistant and Floatable Footwear
15 and Method of Manufacture Therefor," Patent Number 6,766,598 ("the '598
16 Patent"), issued on July 27, 2004. A copy of the '598 Patent is attached hereto as
17 Exhibit A.

18 9. During the pendency of the application which matured into the '598
19 Patent, R & S notified both Wal-Mart and BCNY of the pending application; of
20 allowed claims in the application; and that a particular sandal sold by BCNY to
21 Wal-Mart and resold by Wal-Mart infringed these claims.

22 10. Notwithstanding R & S's rights in its patented sandal and notice of
23 infringement thereof, Defendants continue to offer for sale and sell a sandal
24 which embodies each element of at least claim 1 of the '598 Patent.

25 11. Defendants' offer for sale and sale of sandals embodying the sandal
26 claimed in the '598 Patent has been and is without the consent or authorization of
27 R & S.

28 12. On information and belief, Defendants have manufactured, imported,

1 offered for sale, and/or sold and continue to sell in this district and elsewhere in
2 the United States, sandals which infringe the claims of the '598 Patent.

3 13. By their aforesaid acts, Defendants have violated 35 U.S.C. § 271 by
4 their infringement of the '598 Patent.

5 14. On information and belief, the acts of infringement of Defendants
6 will continue unless enjoined by this Court.

7 15. R & S is being damaged by Defendants' infringement of the '598
8 Patent and is being and will continue to be irreparably damaged unless
9 Defendants' infringement is enjoined by this Court. R & S does not have an
10 adequate remedy at law.

11 16. On information and belief, Defendants' infringement of the '598
12 Patent is and has been willful and R & S is entitled to multiple damages.

13 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff R & S demands judgment against Defendants
14 Wal-Mart and BCNY jointly and severally as follows:

15 1. That this Court adjudge and declare:

16 a. That it has jurisdiction of the parties and of the subject matter
17 of this action;

18 b. That United States Patent No. 6,766,598 is valid and owned by
19 R & S; and

20 c. That Defendants have committed acts of patent infringement
21 by their sale of a sandal which includes each limitation of at least claim 1 of the
22 '598 Patent.

23 2. That Defendants, their officers, directors, owners, agents,
24 representatives, employees, assigns and suppliers, and all persons acting in
25 concert or privity with any of them be preliminarily and permanently enjoined
26 from offering for sale or selling any sandal which infringes the '598 Patent.

27 3. That Defendants be required by mandatory injunction to deliver to
28 R & S for destruction any and all sandals in their possession, custody or control

1 embodying unauthorized copying of R & S's patented sandal along with all
2 tooling and dies and other things of manufacture, the sole purpose of which is to
3 manufacture Defendants' infringing sandal.

4 4. That R & S be awarded damages covered by the acts of patent
5 infringement of Defendants in an amount not less than a reasonable royalty
6 pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 284 and that thee damages so ascertained be trebled;

7 5. That Defendants pay R & S prejudgment interest;

8 6. That R & S have and recover its costs in this action, including
9 attorney's fees; and

10 7. That R & S have such other and further relief as the court may deem
11 just and proper.

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13 Respectfully submitted,

14 CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

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16 DATED: 7/29/04

17 By

Edward R. Schwartz
Attorneys for Plaintiff,
R & S Trading Company, Inc.

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Plaintiff(s)

v.

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INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Defendant(s)

CASE NUMBER:

SAC V04-894

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(RCx)

SUMMONS

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with this court and serve upon plaintiff's attorney
Edward R. Schwartz, whose address is:

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an answer to the ☒ complaint ☐ amended complaint ☐ counterclaim ☐ cross-
claim which is herewith served upon you within 20 days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive
of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded
in the complaint.

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

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Date:

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By:

Deputy Clerk

(Seal of the Court)

SUMMONS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL COVER SHEET

I (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself ☐)

R & S TRADING COMPANY, INC.

DEFENDANTS

WAL-MART STORES, INC. and BCNY
INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (Except in U.S. Plaintiff Cases): Orange

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (In U.S. Plaintiff Cases Only):

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same.)

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☒ 3 Federal Question
(U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of
Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES - For Diversity Cases Only
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IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify): ☐ 6 Multi-District Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge

V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No (Check "Yes" only if demanded in complaint.)

CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23: ☐ Yes ☒ No

MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)

35 U.S.C. Section 1, et seq., Patent Infringement

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.)

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VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed and dismissed, remanded or closed? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes, list case number(s):

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VIII(b). **RELATED CASES:** Have any cases been previously filed that are related to the present case? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes, list case number(s): _____

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- (Check all boxes that apply) ☐ A. Appear to arise from the same or substantially identical transactions, happenings, or events;
☐ B. Involve the same or substantially the same parties or property;
☐ C. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright;
☐ D. Call for determination of the same or substantially identical questions of law, or
☐ E. Likely for other reasons may entail unnecessary duplication of labor if heard by different judges.

IX. VENUE: List the California County, or State if other than California, in which **EACH** named plaintiff resides (Use an additional sheet if necessary)

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List the California County, or State if other than California, in which **EACH** named defendant resides. (Use an additional sheet if necessary).

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X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER): Edward R. Schwartz Date _____

Edward R. Schwartz

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Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))

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Defendant(s)

**CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE
OF INTERESTED PARTIES
(Local Rule 7.1-1)**

TO: THE COURT AND ALL PARTIES APPEARING OF RECORD:

The undersigned, counsel of record for R & S Trading Company, Inc.
(or party appearing in pro per), certifies that the following listed party (or parties) has (have) a direct, pecuniary interest
in the outcome of this case. These representations are made to enable the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or
recusal. (Use additional sheet if necessary.)

PARTY

CONNECTION

(List the names of all such parties and identify their connection and interest.)

R & S Trading Company, Inc.

Plaintiff

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Defendant

BCNY International, Inc.

Defendant

Date

7/28/04

Sign

Edward R. Schwartz

Attorney of record for or party appearing in pro per
R & S Trading Company, Inc.

TO: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231	REPORT ON THE FILING OR DETERMINATION OF AN ACTION REGARDING A PATENT OR TRADEMARK
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PLAINTIFF R & S TRADING COMPANY, INC.		DEFENDANT WAL-MART STORES, INC. and BCNY INTERNATIONAL, INC.
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